THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

Writ Petition No.3782 OF 2007

Dated: 15-03-2007

Between:

Om Sai Lakshmi Traders.
…..PETITIONER

AND

The Joint Collector, Visakhapatnam
District and another.
...RESPONDENTS

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W.P.No.3782 of 2007

ORDER:

Stocks of specified quantities of Toor Dall, Black Gram Dall, Moong Dall and Gram Dall were seized from the petitioner's premises at Maddilapalem, Visakhapatnam on an allegation that the petitioner was doing business without a license under the provisions of the A.P. Scheduled Commodities (Licensing and Distribution) Order, 1982 and therefore is in violation of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (for short the Act). The commodities were seized and mediators report was recorded on 15-2-2007. On 16-2-2007 the petitioner represented to the 1st respondent for interim release of the seized commodities pending finalisation of the proceedings initiated against it under the provisions of the Act. Petitioner's grievance is that the said application has not yet been considered and the respondents are apprehended to be proceeding to pass orders for interim disposal of the seized commodities under Section 6 –A (2) of the Act. No order of interim disposal has yet been passed. Insofar as the petitioner's application for interim release is concerned as the application is dated 16-2-2007 the 1st respondent is required expeditiously to consider and dispose of the same.

Accordingly, after hearing the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies as also the learned counsel for the petitioner, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 1st respondent to expeditiously and in any event within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, consider and dispose of the petitioner's application dated 16-2-2007 and pass a reasoned order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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(GODA RAGHURAM,J)

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